

Dry Rulings Hurt Trade, Say Alcohol Users

Druggists and Chemists Protest to Mellon; Ask for Separate Department to Supervise Their Business

Attack 'So Many Decisions'

Declare Order Allowing Collection of 25 P.C. of Bond Is Without Legal Ground

Manufacturers, druggists and chemists in their business use alcohol in quantities and are facing a serious situation because of prohibition, it was said yesterday by the drug and chemical division of the New York board of Trade and Transportation. The division addressed a letter of protest to Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury. The letter was signed by Frank C. Starr, of Sharp & Dohme, chairman of the committee on prohibition law enforcement and legislation. It characterized a recent Treasury Department ruling, numbered 3398, as "not only without authority of law" but "an attempt to collect 25 per cent of the face value of any bond, without resort to legal act, in addition to the penalties already prescribed by the prohibition act." A part of the letter reads:

Too Many Decisions
"So many decisions are being issued under the prohibition act, some of them running into many pages, that it is simply impossible for any user of alcohol for legitimate purposes to keep fully informed as to the latest rulings. Many of these decisions do not reach those most interested until they have been effective for several weeks, and some of them are so complex that it is impossible, after many readings, to get any idea of their purpose, and some of them have proved to be so impracticable that the department has continually repealed them soon after they were promulgated."

Effects Called Startling
This regulation works out in a startling manner. For instance: If a holder of a permit having a \$1,000 bond, through inadvertence, should violate the law, he would forfeit the bond, and the government would receive \$250, whereas, for the same technical violation, a permittee having a \$10,000 bond would forfeit \$2,500.

The committee recommended a separation of the functions of the department of alcohol for industrial and other non-beverage purposes from the prohibition law and urged the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to appoint a deputy commissioner to take over the industrial alcohol and chemical division of the prohibition unit.

Mrs. C. W. Stevenson Dies
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 21.—Mrs. Christina Wetherill Stevenson, author of the American Fashion Play, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Samuel Henderson, at Media, near here.

Mrs. Stevenson became ill two weeks ago in New York after her return from Los Angeles, where she had been engaged in the production of the play. Her illness is said to have brought on her death. Mrs. Stevenson was one of the founders of the Philadelphia Art Alliance. She was an amateur actress and as organizer of the Plays and Players' Club did much to promote the interest of the stage in this city. Mrs. Stevenson's aim was to establish a school for acting in which the native talent of the city could be developed.

Last year Mrs. Stevenson made a tour of Egypt, India and Palestine, gathering color for the writing of her Fashion Play.

Police Laid Off for Dry Law Laxity Deny Guilt

Decision Reserved in Cases of Inspector T. F. Walsh and Captain F. H. Rohrig

Decision was reserved by John A. Leach, First Deputy Police Commissioner, yesterday in the cases of Inspector Thomas F. Walsh, 9th district, and Captain Frank H. Rohrig, Vandewater Park station, both under suspension on charges of neglect of duty in failing properly to enforce the prohibition laws.

The case against Captain Rohrig resulted from a raid November 4, when four detectives from headquarters confiscated 141 packs of Maryland rye whiskey aboard the schooner Marguerite. Eleven police officers testified yesterday in favor of Rohrig. In his own defense Rohrig said:

"I have done everything in my power in my thirty-three years in the department to prevent violation of all laws. There have been days when only ten men patrolled my precinct with its 132 miles of streets. For this reason I could not lay out special waterfront posts."

Inspector Walsh said he had done all in his power to instruct the men under him how to enforce the prohibition laws on the water front of his district, but that the job was bigger than the force.

Busses Altered To Aid Design, Arndt Insists

Changes in Specifications Made Necessary by Faulty Construction, Which Developed in Operation

Trackless Co. Not Favored

Witness Denies Plans Were Redrawn to Fit Vehicle of Firm Getting Contract

Professor Morton Arndt, of Columbia, was again a witness before the Transit Commission in its investigation into the Hyman bus system yesterday, and his examination, as on the previous day, was marked by continuous tilting with Clarence J. Shearn, counsel to the commission.

Not only did Professor Arndt resent the intimation that there had been any irregularity in changing the specifications for the city's second order for trolley buses, but he insisted on getting into the record the detailed reasons for the changes in these specifications for which he was responsible, and the instructions from Commissioner Grover A. Whalen of the Department of Plant and Structures concerning them.

The changes in the specifications, which Professor Arndt had previously admitted tended to bar the Atlas Trolley Corporation, which had supplied the first trolley buses used by the city, were made necessary by faults in construction and design which had developed during their operation. Commissioner Whalen called these to his attention, he testified, when he appointed him at the head of the committee on trackless trolleys. The city was endeavoring to get the best trolley bus possible, he said, and at no time was the Trackless Trolley Corporation, which finally got the contract, favored in the specifications.

When Mr. Shearn asked him point blank if it wasn't a fact that the revised plans had been drawn so as to fit the bus made by the Trackless Trolley Corporation, Professor Arndt became indignant.

"Why, of course not, sir," he retorted. "How dare you say such a thing?"

Wants No Cheap Talk
"Now, don't talk to me like that," flung back the examining counsel. "I don't want any cheap talk of that kind."

There were frequent clashes throughout the session, Professor Arndt insisting on his right to give detailed answers and Mr. Shearn insisting with equal vehemence that he answer questions directly. When Mr. Shearn's questions were exhausted the witness was given an opportunity to put into evidence all of the details leading up to the change in the specifications and the award of the contract to the Trackless Trolley Corporation.

The examination was then adjourned to Friday morning, when officials of the corporation will be called as witnesses.

Hylan Grooming For Senate Job, West Believes

3-Cornered Deal to Elect Hearst President and Himself and Thompson to Upper House Scented

Third Party Move Seen

Mayor Off for French Lick After Hectic Political Vacation in Chicago

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TRIBUNE
CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Mayor John F. Hylan of New York, who came to Chicago ostensibly for a "rest" after the trying work in the recent election, appears to have had a "rest" that is best described as hectic.

Political wisecracks hereabouts figure out that the real mission of his journey to Chicago was to talk with Mayor Thompson and lay the foundation for a political triangle that has for its object landing William Randolph Hearst in the Presidential chair in 1924, while Hylan and Thompson may, by virtue of the same triangle, obtain seats in the United States Senate.

Since Mr. Hylan's arrival here immediately after the election he has done no "resting," as the term is understood. As soon as he arrived he announced that the country needed such a man as Hearst to represent the "plain people" and that unless Hearst or Hylan Johnson were nominated by one of the old parties there would be a third party.

Politicians here say Hearst has been sadly disappointed in his Presidential aspirations in the Democratic party. They believe he intends to concentrate all his force in a last great attempt at the next Presidential election and in case of failure will remain out of politics.

Hylan is said to have ambitions to be Senator from New York and it is a matter of common belief that Mayor Thompson cherishes the same ambition to represent Illinois. It has been known for months, say those who follow the Presidential game, that Hearst is planning to foster an independent third party of labor, farmers and the semi-radical, discontented element. With these elements lined up and with the additional powerful support of the tremendous political machines of New York and Chicago it is said Hearst considers he has a chance of being elected President.

Mayor Hylan and Commissioner Whalen went to French Lick, Ind., last night to continue their "rest" and Mayor Thompson is said to be planning to visit them at that point before they take the plans back to New York.

Lloyd, Facing Capture, Surrenders to Warden

Illinois Millionaire Socialist Saves Himself From Being Taken by Officers

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE TRIBUNE
JOLIET, Ill., Nov. 21.—William Bross Lloyd, closely pursued by deputy sheriffs from Chicago, late to-night surrendered to the warden of the Northern Illinois penitentiary to serve a five-year sentence, and thus saved himself the ignominy of being escorted in by an officer of the law.

Lloyd was assigned to a cell and the mittimus for his arrest will be turned in by the chief deputy.

He was being chased since last week, when the State Supreme Court ordered him and seventeen other organizers of the short-lived Communist labor party to prison for advocating revolution by force in violation of the Illinois syndicalism law. It was understood that he had been arranging for the management of his \$1,800,000 estate.

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Woman With Eggs Routs Birth Control Advocate

Aged Objector Jailed After Violent Assault on Pamphlet Vendor

Seventy-year-old Mary Harrington, of 230 East Forty-third Street, became so indignant at the sight of a woman selling birth control literature at Vanderbilt Avenue and Forty-second Street last night that she bought two eggs and took matters into her own hands, driving the saleswoman into headlong flight.

Despite the diplomatic efforts of Patrolman Romanello, of the East Fifty-first Street station, she addressed the crowd which her victory attracted. She was finally taken to the station house and locked up on a charge of disorderly conduct.

The prisoner was still militant when she was taken before the desk. She said being imprisoned meant nothing to her, and that she regretted nothing that she had had but two eggs to throw. The first missed the saleswoman, and the patrolman caught her arm before she could let loose with the second.

Bootlegging Costs Casese Two Years And \$10,000 Fine

"Edith Stevens's" Husband Starts \$20,000 Alienation Suit; Trooper Charges Bribe Offered at Arrest

Anthony Casese, reputed millionaire, was convicted of conspiracy to violate the Volstead law in running rum from the Bahamas, in Federal Court, Brooklyn, yesterday by a jury which deliberated only thirty minutes. Judge John C. Knox immediately passed sentence, giving Casese two years in the Atlantic Reformatory and adding a fine of \$10,000. Nor did the woe of Casese end here, for he was served immediately with a notification in \$20,000 alienation suit brought by Milton Hirsch, husband of the woman known in the Casese case as Mrs. Edith Stevens.

Mrs. Stevens, who was tried and acquitted as an accomplice of Casese, admitted at her trial that she ran away from her husband to accompany Casese on his yachting trips to the Bahamas. She said Casese met her first in a cemetery and invited her to ride in his expensive touring car. She admitted that the yacht Edith, which figured in the rum running conspiracy, was named by Casese in her honor.

She is a petite beauty and was in court yesterday, as were her husband and the wife of Casese. These three corners of the odd human quadrangle have not spoken to each other recently, attorneys say, although Casese and his wife have become reconciled and she was sadly affected at her husband's conviction yesterday.

Sergeant Arthur P. Broadfield, of the State Troopers, stationed at Fort Washington, was among the last witnesses at trial and rather a sensational one. Broadfield said he talked with Casese immediately after the arrest of all hands on the yacht Edith. "Is there no way of fixing this thing up?" Broadfield quoted Casese as saying.

"Not a chance, I told him." "I'll give you \$5,000 to let me go, Casese told me." "I'll not fix this case and let you go for \$5,000,000, I answered."

Sergeant Broadfield said that at the time Casese's luxurious automobile was standing near by, while the yacht Edith bobbed at her moorings, and a truck awaited the unloading of the rum cargo.

\$150,000 Fire in Cortlandt
CORTLANDT, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Fire sweeping through the business section of this city late this afternoon destroyed three stores, a grist mill and six dwellings, with a loss believed to be between \$150,000 and \$200,000. The blaze started in the grist mill. The firemen summoned aid from Homer, McGraw and Thence.

Court Ousts Grand Jury for Attack on Day

Federal Judge Foster Gives Reprimand for Publication of Letter: Says Jurors' Oath Called for Secrecy

Indictments Questioned

Hayward Says Work Will Not Be Lost, as Testimony Will Be Available for New Body

The Federal grand jury, which has been engaged for ten weeks on an investigation of bootlegging and prohibition affairs, was dismissed with question, as a result of the court's declaration that the jury had nullified its usefulness, since any further indictments might be regarded as "tintured with at least the suspicion of prejudice." Colonel William Hayward announced, however, that the work of the jury was not entirely lost to the government as he intended continuing the investigation with a new grand jury and the testimony to the dismissed jury would be available to the new one.

"Without Remedy"
In dismissing the jury the court said: "You make public your findings without an indictment the man against whom you have said something is absolutely without remedy. He cannot sue any of you for damages. He goes abroad with a stigma on his character that there is no possible way of eradicating."

Now you were sworn to keep secret the proceedings of the grand jury room. The slightest inquiry, or the common knowledge that all the people in the City of New York had would have disclosed to you the action that this court took with your communication. Instead of that an indictment gets into the paper that would indicate that I had authorized the publication of the letter. I am glad, Mr. Foreman, that you say you were misquoted.

With your disclosures of the proceedings that have taken place before you, in violation of your oath of office that has necessarily been incurred, in the publication, that your usefulness as a grand jury of this court has ceased. Any indictment you might now bring would be tainted with at least the suspicion of prejudice, and a man has the right in the courts of the United States not only to a square deal, but to his own belief that he is getting a square deal. Anything that has transpired before you has been taken in shorthand. Your labors are available to the government. Some other grand jury not resting under the suspicion of prejudice can go on with your work, but it is impossible for this court to overlook the fact that this grand jury has seen fit to make public the transactions in the grand jury room.

Day Pleased at Action
Mr. Day, named with Mr. Parsons in the communication that caused the court to dismiss the jury, admitted he was pleased at the court's action, but said he had nothing to say. He referred to his attorney, Abel I. Smith,

who issued a statement which follows in part:

"I have never known a more under-handed or contemptuous attack than the unauthorized publication of a privileged and sealed document in this case by Foreman W. De S. Trenholm. I cannot believe the statement he made in open court that he was unaware that the document had been sealed by the court, as Judge Foster stated so in his remarks printed in every newspaper. I felt sure that the sense of justice and fair play in our Federal courts would never permit such an act to go unrebuked."

Russia Favors Outside Capital, Declares Lenine

MOSCOW, Nov. 21 (By The Associated Press).—The Soviet government must not be afraid to give concessions to foreign capitalists, Premier Lenine declared at a great meeting of the Moscow Soviet in the Grand Opera House last night.

"Russia," said Lenine, "is so big and has such wonderful economic possibilities that there is no reason to be afraid of any fair proposition from interests outside the country. We will make such favorable arrangements that the capitalist will be compelled to come to do business with us despite their present enmity."

"We must strive to learn to work under the new conditions," he continued; "we must learn to be flexible. Of all that we have gained in our five years' struggle there is nothing we shall give back to the bourgeoisie."

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